

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's brash  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

In using the  
public's airwaves  
free of charge, the  
Sinclair Corporation  
is obligated by law  
to serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we see  
that we're getting  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy. Instead  
of something  
produced at "News  
Central" far away,  
it's more important  
that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Sinclair's arrogant  
actions show why we  
need to strengthen  
media ownership  
rules, not weaken  
them. They show why  
the license renewal  
process needs to  
involve more than a  
returned postcard.  
Thank you.